Awareness generation on consumption of nutritious food is being done through the Village Health and Nutrition Days.

Death during clinical trial of drugs

2843. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a death was reported during clinical trial of a vaccine manufactured by an MNC;

(b) if so, what is the name of the company and the drug; and

(c) what action is being taken against the company and the sponsors of the trial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) Yes. There was report of serious adverse event regarding death of a subject involved in a clinical trial of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine being developed by M/s Wyeth Pharmaceuticals at one of the sites in the country.

(c) A team was constituted to investigate the matter. The team conducted the inspection on 13th December and 14th December, 2008. The Inspection revealed various Good Clinical Practices (GCP) violations. Therefore, the concerned investigator, sponsor and monitor were issued warning letters asking corrective action to be taken by them to prevent such violation in future. The clinical trial remained suspended at all the twelve sites from 06-11-2008 to 22-04-2009. The sponsor submitted various corrective actions taken to ensure GCP compliance. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) scruitinized the same and decided to revoke the suspension on 23.04.2009 from all the sites except the inspected site. Further, monitor and investigator of the inspected site also submitted details of corrective action taken by them, based on which the suspension from the inspected site was also revoked on 02.06.2009.

Infant mortality

2844. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 20 per cent of the world's child deaths occur in India, 20 lakhs children die before reaching their fifth birthday, one in three malnourished children in the world lives in India, around 46 percent of Indian children under three years are underweight and India's record on newborn (72 per 1000 live birth); and the child mortality fare worse than Bangladesh and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to prevent the same by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) As per the UNICEF State of World Children 2009 report India contributes 20% of the global burden of child deaths with 20 lakh children dying in India every year. As per this report, one in three malnourished children in the world lives in India and around

46% of Indian children under three years are underweight. However, as per the National Family Health Survey 2005-06, the percentage of children under three years who are under weight is 40%.

As per the UNICEF report, India ranks as 49th out of 191 countries in the descending order of the Under Five Mortality Rate with an Under Five Mortality Rate of 72 per 1000 live births. Bangladesh is 58th with an Under Five Mortality Rate of 61 per 1000 live births and Sri Lanks is 110th with an Under Five Mortality Rate of 21 per 1000 live births.

(b) The likely reasons for under five mortality are early marriage, frequent pregnancies, deliveries at home, delay in recognition of illness, delay in accessing health facilities, inadequate nutrition, etc.

(c) The Reproductive and Child Health programme (RCH) II under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), comprehensively integrates interventions that improve child health and addresses factors contributing to morbidity and mortality.

The key components of child health programme which help reduce child morbidity and mortality are as follows:

- Integrated management of neonatal and childhood Illnesses (IMNCI) and Pre-Service Integrated management of neonatal and childhood Illnesses (IMNCI)
- Facility Based Integrated management of neonatal and childhood Illnesses (IMNCI).
- Early detection and appropriate management of Diarrhoea disease
- Early detection and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infections and other infections.
- Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (NSSK), a programme for Basic newborn care and resuscitation
- Infant and young child feeding
- Immunization
- Vitamin A supplementation and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation

Empanelment of hospitals for cancer treatment

2845. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Central Government pensioners suffering from cancer are being harassed as they are required to make cash payments to private hospitals amounting to Rs. 15 to 20 lakhs in case in the absence of cancer hospitals on Government's panel;

(b) by when Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) rates for reimbursement fixed in 2001 is likely to be revised so that pensioners may get full amount of claim instead of half of the amount applied by them; and